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Etc., Etc.ANOTHER ROW
IN M. P. H. L. CIRCLES
BREAKS OUT

Chester Gregory in Spot-Light-Makes Charges Against Halifax Clubs--Moncton Drops Negotiations

Moncton, N. B., Dec. 17—A sensational thru has just taken place in the hockey situation. Just when it was thought here that Halifax had agreed to the proposal of the visiting teams getting fifteen per cent of the gate receipts, word comes that the Halifax clubs will not agree to such terms. According to telegrams published this morning, Halifax is to be dropped from the M.P.H.A. league and Moncton, Sydney and New Glasgow will work together. The Moncton Times this morning makes a sensational statement that Halifax tried to buy the support of Gregory of the New Glasgow Club but the attempt failed.

The Times says:—"Last evening the Victoria's executive were in receipt of a telegram from Chester Gregory stating that Halifax parties had offered him first \$200 and then \$300 a game for every game played in Halifax if he would persuade New Glasgow to desert Moncton and play with Halifax. Instead of complying Gregory at once wired Moncton the story of Halifax treachery. Truly things have 'proved' with a vengeance in the M.P.H.A. since that meeting in Truro.

NEGOTIATIONS ARE OFF

The telegrams passing between Moncton and Halifax are:—
Halifax, Dec. 16—Mayor F. C. Robinson, Victoria Club, Moncton, N. B. At a meeting of the Arena Ring management this afternoon, it was positively decided that no percentage of gate receipts would be either allowed or taken, but a traveling allowance of \$60 per game for Moncton and \$40 per game for New Glasgow will be allowed for each game played in Halifax. No financial arrangement between Halifax and Sydney is considered necessary. Moncton and New Glasgow will have to make their own arrangements with Sydney. Please reply quickly so that the hockey situation can be settled. Sgd., yours truly, J. C. Lithgow, president M.P.H.A.

MONCTON'S REPLY

Moncton, N. B., Dec. 16—To J. A. Lithgow, president M. P. H. A., Halifax, N. S.: At a meeting of the executive of the Moncton Victoria Hockey Club tonight, we have decided not to accept the terms offered; to call off all negotiations with Halifax and to proceed to carry out our agreement with Sydney and New Glasgow. Yours sincerely, F. C. Robinson, president M. V. H. C.

HAVE STOLEN MARCH

It is said that Moncton has a complete team signed and that it has been on the ice practicing for the last week. Non only have the local management secured a full team, but it is the fastest that ever skinned on the ice in the Maritime Provinces. It would be a distinct shock to the fans if they could know just where this team is practising and of what players it is composed. The fact is that the Vics have stolen a march not only on the other teams of the maritime circuit, but also on some of the N. H. A. aggregations. More than one big team manager will find himself minus a star upon whom he had counted, so the Moncton management states.

WILL ASK GREGORY FOR PROOF

Halifax, Dec. 17—Replying to a statement in the Moncton Times that the Vics' executive were in receipt of a telegram from Chester Gregory stating that Halifax parties had offered him first \$200 and then \$300 per game for every game played in Halifax if he would persuade New Glasgow to desert Moncton and play with Halifax and that instead of complying Mr. Gregory at once wired to Moncton the story of Halifax's treachery, President Lithgow of the M.P.H.A., stated that that was the first inkling he had of this report.

"I will take this matter up tomorrow," he said. "I will ask Mr. Gregory to prove his statement and failing to do this, he must apologize to Halifax as openly and with as much prominence as that accorded this report."

DOYLE WHITE SOX SCOUT

Chicago, Dec. 16—Manager Jimmy Callahan of the White Sox today announced he had signed Jack Doyle, the oldtime first baseman and former manager of the Giants, to act as scout for the White Sox in 1913. Doyle was an umpire in the International League last year.

BIG LEAGUE TEAMS HANGING
ON TO VALUABLE PLAYERS

Trades not Very Numerous--Brooklyn Superbas Having Hard Time Strengthening Team--Herrmann Says Chance Never Got More Than \$7,500 With Chicago

(Brooklyn Eagle.)

Among the activities of Johnny Evers, the new manager of the Chicago Cubs, was an effort he made to arrange a trade for Elmer Knetzer, the Brooklyn pitcher. When he found President Ebbets and Manager Bill Dahlen would listen to no such foolishness, J. Evers suggested that he would spend a bunch of Charley Murphy's money and buy the human chattel. He got the book again on that proposition and the outlook is for Knetzer to remain in our great and growing borough for the coming season. What Evers was willing to give in the way of flesh and blood for Knetzer was not clear, nor is it easy to see what he could offer. The Cubs are hard pressed for pitchers, but they are no champions in that respect as long as the Brooklyn team is in the field. Any flinger good enough for the Cubs would come in pretty handy as a denizen of Brooklyn next year, and E. Knetzer is one of those. He won seven games last year and lost nine, for a percentage much better than the team made. Like every other twirler on the Brooklyn staff, not excepting Nap Rucker, his work was spotty and uneven, which had a tendency to unsettle the men behind him; but, on the whole, Knetzer had a good season and was picked by the managers and newspaper men in other towns as probably the most valuable twirler on the Ebbets' payroll, next to N. Rucker.

HARD TO GET MATERIAL.

The style of fan who thinks that a winning ball team is not built up in this or some other city because the owners will not spend money should give heed to the talks of trades that have been going on at the Waldorf this week. Another dicker the Cub management tried to put through was for Hub Perdue or Tyler of the Boston Nationals. Perdue is the best pitcher Boston has and is rated one of the best in the league. Tyler is also a first-class man and they and Bill Sweeney come pretty near being the whole Boston Club. President Gaffney of Boston, is over seven and has been more than three blocks from home without the escort of a nurse, hence he knows that he would be signing his own death warrant as a magnate if he disposed of Perdue and Tyler without getting a ball team in exchange. Those are merely samples of the way business is done, or is sought to be done, in these hard times. Good players are scarce and cannot be purchased for love or money, and men with a bank roll like Garry Herrmann and willing to blow it against the moon, can accomplish no more in the matter of acquiring developed talent than can a club in trouble like the Phillies. The problem has become very largely one of finding talent in the bushes, developing it and holding on to it for dear life, as Ebbets is holding on to Jake Daubert and Nap Rucker; New York is freezing to Jeff Tesreau, Washington is sticking to Walter Johnson and Gandil, and so on. Every club in the major leagues has one or more stars that would be a big help to other clubs, but they simply cannot let them go. And there you are.

TOO MUCH TALK OF BIG MONEY.

The childish, not to say insane, policy of talking too much about the money end of baseball continues right along and will eventually bring trouble to those responsible for the same. Garry Herrmann put a crimp in a lot of wild stuff when he said that the most Frank Chance ever received in Chicago was a salary of \$7,500, with a bonus of \$2,500. To hear other people tell it, you would have thought Chance was getting a million a minute in the Windy City and that furnished the foundation for the yarns that he was holding out for \$20,000 per year to manage the New York Americans. As a matter of fact, Chance will probably get a salary of about \$10,000 per year if he does come to New York and in addition a percentage bonus on the net profits. That he will get \$20,000 or more than half of it as a direct salary, is not believed by the close students of the game. Meanwhile, the chatter about paying such huge prices is merely injuring the sport by bringing the commercial angle so strongly to the fore and giving the public an utterly exaggerated view of the supposed profits of the magnates.

Nor, as was pointed out in this column recently, has Chance demonstrated that he is a marvel or a wizard in unearthing talent or building from the ground up. The great problem yet to be solved is whether he made a great ball team or a great ball team made a great manager.

DAHLEN IS HOPEFUL.

Among those present at the ring-side to view the annual National League scrap was the aforementioned Bill Dahlen. Bill had the complete outfit of a manager on the trail and was constantly snooping around in the hope that somebody would drop a first-class pitcher. If such a thing happened Bill was going to throw shame to the wind, cover the pitcher with his foot and carry him off when the rightful owner wandered away. But poor Bill had no luck whatsoever and might just as well never have harbored those larcenous designs. He sidled up to a dozen or more magnates and managers and started to say something about a trade. As far as he ever got was to open his mouth in that general direction when his ears would be assailed with talk about giving up Rucker or Daubert, after which the lonesome William would take it on the run or fear that in such a gang he would lose one of those prizes before he knew it. A couple of earnest souls sounded Bill on George W. Cutshaw, the eminent second baseman, but as Brooklyn is very much in need of the services of that youth, nothing resulted. Mysterious whisperings were also made in which the name of Otto Miller could be heard, but as Otto looks to be about the best backstop we have hereabouts since Methuselah we have hereabouts since Methuselah had the measles, Bill fled into the night. Such is the life of a baseball boss in these generous days when your rivals are perfectly willing to trade you a one-legged man with the palsy for a Mathewson or a Ty Cobb and throw in a chew of tobacco as an extra inducement.

SPORTS OF ALL KINDS

With the old rivals Marysville Crescents and Fredericton playing hockey this winter the local sport loving public will see some pretty air games. It is also probable the teams from outside places will be seen in action here.

The Oxford-Cambridge annual Rugby match, which was won by Cambridge 10 to 3, despite the heavy rain, was attended by the Prince of Wales and 14,000 spectators. The last ten minutes was played in darkness.

There will be ice at the Curling Rink in the course of a day or two and the local Knights of the Broom will get away with an early start on the season of 1912-13.

Lester Lowther and Jack Twaddle both Amherst men, have been secured by Manager Gordon Isnor. The fans of Halifax will be delighted to learn that Twaddle will once more be seen in the Socials' uniform. No player was more popular last year in Halifax. When the news that Manager Isnor was negotiating with Twaddle was published in the Echo, the majority of the fans expressed the hope that he would be seen here. Their hopes are to be realized.—Halifax Echo.

Big money is paid on this side of the Atlantic for hockey and baseball players. In Great Britain it is professional "soccer" players that are sought for big sums.

A Liverpool writer is responsible for the statement that a leading League club has offered Barnsley the astonishing sum of £2,500 for their young fullback, Downs, Aston Villa, famous fullback. Downs, Aston Villa, he says also offered £2,000 for Downs, which Barnsley refused. The same authority says that three seasons ago Barnsley rejected Stephen Bloomer when the fee on his head was only £100.

It is probably that the Fredericton curlers will be represented at the bonspiel to be held in St. John in February under the auspices of the New Brunswick Branch of the Royal

SEASON TO OPEN
APRIL 10 AND CLOSE
OCTOBER 4 AND 5

Ban Johnson Favors New Scoring System for Pitchers--Schedules to be Prepared Next Month

(Canadian Press) 6

Chicago, Dec. 18—April 10 will be the opening day in both the American and National Leagues, President Ban B. Johnson of the former organization announced today. The season will close October 4th, in the east and October 5th in the west.

Schedules for both leagues will be drawn up at a meeting between Johnson and his secretary Wm. Harbridge and Barney Dreyfuss of Pittsburgh and John Heydler secretary of the National League at the meeting at Freeb Lick Springs starting January 2nd. The charts will be presented for adoption at the meeting of the magnates of both leagues in New York February 11. No exception is expected to be taken to the schedules. Johnson said he was greatly in favor of the new method for scoring the pitching records. He will suggest several changes at future meetings.

NORTHERN FOR TORONTO

Outfielder Northern of the Brooklyn Nationals has been secured by the Toronto management to play right field in place of Benny Meyer.

Northern had a good year with the Superbas in 1912. He is a sun-fielder and ought to be able to play in the face of Old Sol, who shines directly into the eyes of the right gardener at the Island Stadium. Northern is a left-handed batter and a fast man on the bases.

SOCIALS TEAM COMPLETE

(Acadian Recorder)

Manager Isnor has signed Jack Twaddle for the Socials and his team is practically complete, though he will probably sign another player later on. The team now includes Hague, goal; Murphy and Twaddle, defense; Smith centre; O'Leary, McPherson, and Lowther, wings.

Bell Bird, 2,09½, has been the sensation of the fall racing season in Russia.

Caledonian Curling Club. Judging from what the clubs has done in past seasons the showing its rinks would make in such a bonspiel should be good.

Announcement was made on Sunday by the management of the Montreal team of the purchase of Fred. Gilhooly, the St. Louis National outfielder, and of McGrayner of the Cincinnati Nationals.

Speaking at the game at Toronto Saturday in which St. Michael's administered a severe drubbing to New Edinburgh the amateur champions of Canada the Toronto Globe says,—

Lack of condition was elegantly shown by both teams, noticeably by St. Michael's who, however, worked much harder than the visitors. Very little attempt at combination play was shown by either team. "St. Michael's had the best of the play in the first half, but New Edinburgh also did good work, and gave Thompson some hard shots to stop. In the second half, however, the puck seldom came past Murphy, Bricker stopping but four shots, all of which he handled easily.

Roy Robertson of Marysville is leading at the Queen Hotel Alleys in the completion for the pearl pin which is put up by Manager J. E. Sullivan for the highest single string made on the alleys during the present month. Robertson's highest string so far is 114.

AL KUBIAK WON FROM
CARL MORRIS ON POINTS

Atlanta, Ga., Dec. 18—Al Kubiak of Philadelphia was awarded the decision over Carl Morris of Oklahoma at the end of their ten round bout last night. Kubiak landed two blows to Morris' one but none of them seemed to seriously inconvenience the Oklahoma man.

Danny Goodman and Pai Brown have been signed to box at Superior, Wis., Dec. 23.